

TOWN OF MANSFIELD
Solid Waste Advisory Committee
Minutes of the Meeting
September 12, 2013

Present: Roberts, Milius, Walton (staff)

The meeting began at 7:10.

Since there was not a quorum, the minutes from July and August were not approved.

There was a discussion about single-family trash issues. Walton will keep track of the number of residents who need extra capacity beyond the 64 gallon recycling containers in order to evaluate the cost and handling of large quantities of recyclables since Willimantic Waste Paper has stated that they will charge \$4.95 per month for each additional recycling container. Walton stated that the trash and recycling collection days will be Monday through Thursday with Friday as the day to deliver, remove and repair containers. Since October 1, 2013 is a Tuesday, staff has requested that Willimantic Waste Paper begin service on Monday, September 30, 2013. They have not yet responded to this request. Now that containers are being provided, staff will need to determine a time limit on how long containers can stay at a household whose service has been shut-off due to non-payment. Staff will most likely need to revisit the size of the converted maxi service, which will be a 96 gallon can, as it may be too small for student rentals, group homes and large families. Walton will keep a list of those households.

Walton reported that volunteer coverage for the Festival on the Green is minimal for the upcoming September 22, 2013 event. She is counting on help this year from fraternities and sororities for set-up and clean-up.

There have been a few estimates for a swap shop building at the transfer station, which have been more costly than expected. Roberts suggested looking at Carefree Buildings in Colchester.

Walton reported that since its start in July, residents have brought in large quantities of paint for recycling. Roberts stated that there is a refund to Towns for paint that is reused rather than shipped to the paint recycler. Walton will check into this arrangement.

A flyer about a Putnam polystyrene recycler, Sunoco Products, was circulated. Although it would be costly to haul the light material from the transfer station if it were collected there, the information about Sunoco Products accepting Styrofoam from residents could be printed in the trash bill inserts.

The next meeting is scheduled for November 14, 2013.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:08 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Virginia Walton
Recycling/Refuse Coordinator